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MINISTER OREJA'S PRESENTATION ON SPANISH FOREIGN
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1. SUMMARY AND COMMENTS: SPANISH FOREIGN POLICY HAS
SPECIAL FOCUSES ON EUROPE, THE ATLANTIC, THE
MEDITERRANEAN, LATIN AMERICA, AND THE ARAB COUNTRIES,
SAID OREJA. SPAIN SEEKS THE ECONOMIC, POLITICAL
AND DEFENSE UNITY OF EUROPE, OF WHICH IT IS A PART.
IT HAS A TREATY WITH THE US, BUT THE COUNTRY IS
DIVIDED ON WHETHER TO JOIN NATO. SPAIN IS AN
ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE CSCE, WHERE IT INSISTED THE
SUBJECT OF THE MEDITERRANEAN BE INCLUDED. SPAIN
SEEKS THE LONG-TERM WITHDRAWAL OF NON-MED FORCES
FROM THAT SEA, AND COOPERATION AMONG THE COASTAL
STATES OF BOTH SHORES. THE SAHARA DISPUTE IS A
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DELICATE PROBLEM FOR SPAIN, AND WHILE THE PARTIES TO
IT HAVE IRRECONCILABLE POSITIONS, SAID OREJA, THE
CONFLICT WOULD ALREADY BE RESOLVED IF THE SUPERPOWERS
SO DESIRED. SPAIN HOPES FOR INCREASED RELATIONS WITH
CHINA, AND IS "WORRIED BY THE INTERFERENCE OF THE
SUPERPOWERS IN THE INDIAN AND PACIFIC" OCEANS. (WE
BELIEVE OREJA'S REMARKS ABOUT THE SUPERPOWERS PROBABLY

REPRESENT AN EFFORT TO GRATIFY THE CHINESE, AN EXPRESSION OF CONCERN OVER THE THREAT TO PEACE INHERENT IN US-USSR COMPETITION, AND A REFLECTION OF PERSISTENT SPANISH IMPULSES TO ASSERT THEIR INDEPENDENCE. OREJA'S STATEMENT REGARDING THE SUPERPOWERS AND THE SAHARA IN ADDITION PROBABLY REFLECTS CONTINUING RESENTMENT OVER WHAT MANY HERE BELIEVE TO HAVE BEEN US BACKING OF MOROCCO'S GREEN MARCH,

AND A LINGERING TENDENCY TO OVERESTIMATE US (AND SOVIET) CAPACITY TO DETERMINE INTERNATIONAL EVENTS.) THIS IS THE LAST OF FOUR TELEGRAMS SUMMARIZING CLASSIFIED MEMORANDA PROVIDED TO THE CHARGE AT THE KING'S DIRECTION. THE DOCUMENTS THEMSELVES ARE BEING POUCED. END SUMMARY AND COMMENTS.

2. REGARDING SPAIN AND EUROPE, OREJA NOTED THAT WITH THE ADVENT OF THE MONARCHY IN SPAIN, MEMBERSHIP IN THE EC HAD BECOME POSSIBLE, AND CONVERSATIONS WERE BEING HELD ON THAT SUBJECT. SPAIN HAD HAD TRADE RELATIONS WITH THE EEC SINCE 1970, BUT THE SPANISH PEOPLE WANTED TO JOIN: THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE LENGTHY. THE EC HAS A POLITICAL AS WELL AS A MARKET DIMENSION, OREJA WENT ON, AND SPAIN BELIEVES IN A STRONG EUROPE, FOR WHICH SPAIN'S PRESENCE IS NEEDED. A SERIES OF INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS, SUCH AS ONE DEALING WITH AGRICULTURE, WILL

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HAVE TO BE IMPROVED, HE ADDED. SPAIN ALSO HAS RELATIONS WITH THE NON-EC WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, AND A TRADE AGREEMENT IS BEING NEGOTIATED WITH EFTA. SPAIN BELIEVES UNITY SHOULD EMBRACE THE ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, AND DEFENSE AREAS, OREJA SAID.

3. TURNING TO THE TOPIC OF SPAIN'S INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, OREJA REFERRED TO THE 1976 TREATY OF SECURITY WITH THE US AND SAID THAT IT IS STILL UNRESOLVED WHETHER SPAIN WILL JOIN NATO OR NOT. HE NOTED THAT IT WAS A VERY POLEMICAL TOPIC AMONG SPANISH POLITICAL FORCES AND DESCRIBED THE POSITIONS OF THE MAJOR PARTIES AS FOLLOWS: "PCE - NEUTRALIST SOLUTION; PSOE - NEUTRALIST OR NON-ALIGNMENT; CENTER - SUPPORTS ALLIANCE". THE NATO MEMBERSHIP ISSUE HAS NOT YET BEEN JOINED, SAID OREJA, BUT WILL BE ONCE THE CONSTITUTION CURRENTLY UNDER DISCUSSION HAS BEEN APPROVED. THE GOS DOES NOT BELIEVE A NEUTRALIST POSITION MEETS SPAIN'S SECURITY NEEDS.

4. CSCE. OREJA SAID SPAIN HAS PARTICIPATED ACTIVELY IN CSCE, WHICH WILL HOLD ITS NEXT SESSION IN MADRID. AT THE BEGINNING, THE SUBJECT OF THE MEDITERRANEAN

WAS EXCLUDED, BUT AT THE INSISTENCE OF SPAIN, MALTA, AND YUGOSLAVIA WAS INCLUDED. "ESSENTIAL FACTORS ARE WITHDRAWAL OF NON-MEDITERRANEAN FORCES FROM THAT SEA, AND COOPERATION AMONG COASTAL STATES OF BOTH SHORES; AND WE BELIEVE IN THE NECESSITY OF THAT COOPERATION. SPAIN CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THAT DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE SECOND EUROPEAN WORLD AND THE AFRICAN WORLD. REGARDING MEDITERRANEAN TOPICS, SPAIN IS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

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CONFLICT (SIC) AND HAS ADOPTED CLEAR POSITION IN FAVOR OF THE PALESTINIANS. SPAIN DOES NOT HAVE RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL, IN SPITE OF PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY OF RELATIONS, BUT WE WILL NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AS LONG AS THEY DO NOT WITHDRAW FROM THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES..."

5. LATIN AMERICA. BECAUSE OF CULTURAL AFFINITY AND HISTORY, SAID OREJA, SPAIN HAS PREFERENTIAL RELATIONS WITH THE WHOLE HEMISPHERE. SEVERAL LA COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN VISITED BY KING JUAN CARLOS, AND COOPERATION AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN SIGNED. SPAIN'S IBEROAMERICAN CENTER FOR COOPERATION HAS BOTH CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC DIMENSIONS.

6. AFRICA. EXCEPT FOR THE ARAB COUNTRIES, SPAIN HAS SPARSE RELATIONS WITH AFRICA, OREJA CONTINUED. OREJA REVIEWED THE BACKGROUND OF THE SAHARA DISPUTE, CITING SPAIN'S 1974 DECLARATION IT WOULD HOLD A REFERENDUM IN 1975, MOROCCAN-INSPIRED BLOCKING OF UN ACTION, THE

ICJ JUDGMENT, THE GREEN MARCH COINCIDING WITH FRANCO'S DEATH, THE TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT, AND SPANISH WITHDRAWAL. SPAIN BACKS THE UN REGARDING A JUST AND LASTING SOLUTION

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TO THE SAHARA PROBLEM, AND HAS SUSPENDED ARMS SHIPMENTS TO AFFECTED COUNTRIES AS A CONTRIBUTION TO DETENTE. ALGERIA WANTS SPAIN TO DENOUNCE THE TRIPARTITE AGREEMENTS: SPAIN, A SUPPORTER OF SELF-DETERMINATION, CANNOT AGREE. THUS ALGERIA RAISES NON-AFRICAN PROBLEM, THE CANARY ISLANDS, IN THE OAU. OREJA THEN REVIEWED THE HISTORICAL AND ETHNIC TIES BETWEEN SPAIN AND THE CANARIES. "WITHIN A MONTH THIS SUBJECT WILL BE TREATED IN KHARTOUM IN THE OAU," SAID OREJA. "IF THE CHINESE CAN SUPPORT US WITH FRIENDLY AFRICAN COUNTRIES WITH REGARD TO THE KHARTOUM SUMMIT, WE WILL BE GRATEFUL."

7. IN HIS SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH HUANG, OREJA ALSO WENT OVER THE SAHARA PROBLEM, NOTING THAT THE MOROCCAN-MAURITANIAN AND ALGERIAN THESESES ARE "IRRECONCILABLE". HE WENT ON, HOWEVER, TO ASSERT THERE IS "A CLEAR BENT" ON THE PART OF THE SUPERPOWERS TO CREATE INSTABILITY IN THE AREA, "SINCE WE BELIEVE THAT IF THE SUPERPOWERS HAD WANTED TO RESOLVE THE CONFLICT, IT WOULD ALREADY HAVE BEEN RESOLVED."

8. WITH REGARD TO ASIA AND CHINA, OREJA SAID "WE ARE WORRIED BY THE INTERFERENCE OF THE SUPERPOWERS IN THE INDIAN AND PACIFIC OCEANS". THE MONARCHY WISHES TO DEEPEN RELATIONS WITH ASIA AND CHINA, WHICH BEGAN IN 1973 BUT HAVE BEEN MORE FORMAL THAN DEEP, OREJA SAID. THIS VISIT OF THE KING RESPONDS TO THE PURPOSE MENTIONED TO OREJA BY HUANG AT THE UN, "WE HAVE RELATIONS BUT NOW WE MUST GIVE THEM CONTENT." THE SIGNING OF THE TRADE AGREEMENT WILL PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK FOR ECONOMIC RELATIONS, BUT WE CAN INTENSIFY CULTURAL RELATIONS ALSO, OREJA CONCLUDED.

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9. WE WOULD NOTE, BASED ON THE CONTENTS OF THESE MEMORANDA AND THE WAY THEY WERE PASSED TO US, THAT IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE KING INFORMED THE MFA THAT HE WAS TURNING THEM OVER TO THE CHARGE. WE THEREFORE URGE APPROPRIATE CAUTION BE EXERCISED IN THEIR DISSEMINATION AND THAT THEY NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH SPANISH OFFICIALS.

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